

October 4, 2005

90-Day Reprieve for Texas Motorists

AUSTIN – Texas residents in hurricane damaged areas do not have access to their county tax assessor-collector, driver license offices and inspection stations at this time. Effective immediately, R. K. Elliston, Chief, Texas Highway Patrol, has authorized a 90-day warning period to expire December 31, 2005, for persons living in and/or vehicles registered in the following counties:

Angelina	Polk
Chambers	San Augustine
Hardin	San Jacinto
Jasper	Sabine
Jefferson	Shelby
Liberty	Trinity
Nacogdoches	Tyler
Newton	Walker
Orange	

Residents in the affected areas whose driver license, vehicle inspection or registration renewal deadlines fall in September, October, and November 2005 have through December 31, 2005 to renew, so that residents may continue to focus on the recovery and clean-up effort. Through December 31, 2005, Texans in the affected counties will not be cited for the following violations:

Vehicle Registration
Vehicle Inspection
Fail to Display Drivers License
Expired Drivers License (expired on or after 9-20-05)

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For more information, contact Christina Flores in TxDOT's Vehicle Titles and Registration Division, (512) 302-2076.